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U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers
Walla Walla District
Att: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-7832

RE: Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon Migration Feasibility Report

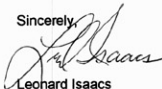
As a citizen of the Pacific Northwest it appears to me the best way to aid our salmon is to adopt Alternatives 1 or 2. I oppose dam breaching (Alternative 4) because it is economically harmful and will not help recover salmon. Those dams are vital links in our Columbia River water transportation system and critical for irrigation, flood control, recreation and hydroelectric power generation. As you know it is estimated that even with the power currently generated by the Snake River Dam, there will still not be enough power to satisfy needs in a few years.

Washington's highways and rail systems cannot handle the freight currently carried on barges.

When driving to Portland on Highway 84 I see miles of fishnets on both sides of the river. I realize we have Indian treaties, but why aren't those nets taken into account of why we are losing salmon. How about the trawlers in the ocean? How about Terns or seals which eat the salmon?

The Sierra Club's proposal to convert farms back to dryland crops such as wheat would be economically devastating. One of Walla Walla's biggest employers is an apple orchard/packing operation on the Snake river. Wheat is an over supplied and uneconomical crop to grow. Washington needs agriculture diversity. Irrigation has opened up thousands of acres for fruit and vegetable crops. Let's continue that diversity.

Sincerely,



Leonard Isaacs